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To whom it may concern (FCC regarding captioning):

Please accept my comments; this letter is to make you understand how important it is that the deaf community has equal access to television. The only option currently available to us is to watch television with captioning.

Television is more a part of our lives then it is to the hearing population. It is our window into the world.

I remember those nights when I wanted to relax with cup of tea in from of the television. I would settle in and be enjoying the show when all of a sudden the closed captioned would just disappear. I wait a little bit to see if this was just a temporary problem, but I would end up watching the rest of the show without the closed captioned returning. Not the relaxing evening I had expected after all.

It is very frustrating knowing if the next favorite television program or movie will have closed captioning or if it does whether it will last until the end. This is not an isolated event, it remains a question every time.

Please consider how the "freedom" to watch television means a great deal to us, the deaf community. We want "freedom", not the "bondage" of doubt.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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